

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2010 in which claims 1, 2, 5-7, 10-17 and 25-29 were pending of which claims 1, 2, 5, 11-17, and 25-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101. The Office Action acknowledged that all pending claims contain subject matter that is neither taught, suggested, nor rendered obvious by the art of record. Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

In view of the following, reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 1, 2, 5, 11-17 and 25-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. While Applicant continues to believe that the claims are directed to statutory subject matter, in the spirit of furthering prosecution Applicant has amended the specification to remove “storage area networks, and the like” as suggested by the Examiner. Withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 101 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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